REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	30 July 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Intimate Knockouts
Other Known Titles:	Fistfuck Revue Intimate Knockouts Vol 4
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Germany
Language:	French, German

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Intimate Knockouts	Running time:	87.33
Trailers:	SVK Copy Notice Videorama Notice	Running time:	0.26 0.29
		Total Running time:	88.28

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

… Please turn over

Not Applicable.

● ●

Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

● ●

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the video recording *Intimate Knockouts* as: Objectionable.

The video recording contains depictions of degrading and dehumanising sexual conduct which degrade and dehumanise the participants in the sexual activity. There are frequent close focus camera shots of women's vaginas after vaginal fisting (the insertion of a hand in a woman's vagina), when the hand is slowly removed and the camera focuses on their gaping vaginas. In some scenes, women are depicted being constantly penetrated, vaginally, anally and orally, by either hands, penises or dildos. These depictions degrade the women by presenting them as sexual objects. There are also frequent degrading elements such as: a man inserting a lit cigar into a woman's vagina, with the burning end outwards; two men pushing two women into position before performing sexual activities on them; a man withdrawing his fingers from a woman's anus and shoving them in her mouth; close focus camera shots of a fist and a penis simultaneously being inserted into a woman's vagina; close focus camera shots of simultaneous vaginal fisting and anal intercourse; and close focus camera shots of an unseen woman's hand and wrist being inserted into a woman's vagina. The Classification Office considers that the degrading and dehumanising elements in *Intimate Knockouts* dominate the video recording, being frequent and high in degree.

The Classification Office recommended six excisions to remove degrading and dehumanising depictions. If the recommended excisions had been agreed to, the Classification Office would have classified the video recording as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. However, the owner of the publication failed to respond to the Classification Office's excision notice within the specified period. Because the excisions were not agreed to, and the intensity and frequency of the depictions of degrading and dehumanising elements colour the tone of the publication, the Classification Office finds the video recording objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the applicability of s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The Classification Office considers that the likely injury to the public good that could be caused by the availability of the publication outweighs the considerations of freedom of expression.

OFLC Ref: 9701049